

MINUTES
Town of North
January 14, 2008
North Town Hall

Mayor Jeffcoat called the regular meeting of Council to order at 7:00 p.m. and declared a quorum. Present were Council members Drew, Binyard, Lane and Gleaton. Also in attendance were Mark Fallaw, Chief of Police, and Carrie Windham, Town Clerk.

Mayor Jeffcoat welcomed visitors.

Councilwoman Lane made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 10, 2007 meeting, seconded by Councilwoman Binyard, and upon vote minutes were approved.

Public Comments:

Jamie Steele addressed council on the status of the Streetscape project. Mr. Steele reported that the preliminary plans are drawn and the final plans should be completed by the first of February. There was some discussion on the placement of the town clock, Mr. Steele said that the town will need to decide and let him know where to include it. He has the capability to provide visual images of the proposed sites, but is a time consuming project and before proceeding with visual images he will have to get instructions from council before incurring that cost.

Water/Sewer Report:

Mr. Jeffcoat presented the water / sewer report for December, 2007 (copy attached)

Police Report:

Chief Fallaw reviewed the North Police report (copy attached). Chief reported to Council that there were three burning incidents that were investigated since last month's meeting and that all three were 'legal burns'. Councilwoman Lane informed Chief that the problem has greatly diminished and the persons who complained to her are satisfied for now.

Chief Fallaw addressed council regarding gang graffiti. The North Police Department needs some instruction on how the Council would like to handle a situation that is starting, and will probably become worse over time. Chief would prefer a 'proactive' approach and get something in place before it becomes a more serious problem. When asked if the Town is currently experiencing "tags", Chief informed that a building operated by North Furniture has been tagged. Council agreed that some action should be taken to put an ordinance in place. Council asked Carrie Windham to check with some other towns and gather information on how this issue may be handled in other towns.

Street Scape Report:

Old Business:

- o Jeffcoat reviewed the financial statement for December, 2007.
- o Jeffcoat gave an update on the status of the annexation. We are still working on attained the 75% needed to get the annexation approved.

New Business:

- o Jeffcoat reported the Community of Character Trait for November is Good Manners.
- o Fire Ordinance Discussion – discussed under Police Report.
- o Pavilion Policies – Discussion was had on the proposed Pavilion Policies (copy attached). Councilwoman Binyard made a motion to accept the Policies as proposed, seconded by Councilman Gleaton. Upon vote, the motion to accept the Pavilion Policies carried.

- 801 Main Street Rental to North Community School – Discussion was had regarding this issue. It was proposed that the Town charge \$200 per month for a rental fee to the North Community School. Councilman Drew was concerned about getting into a lengthy lease and not being able to develop the property as the Town had planned, but also realizes the asset this program is to the community and how beneficial this can be for this program. Sandy Sigmond agreed to look at the dwelling to determine its appropriateness for the school's needs.
- Purchase of lettering for North Town Hall and North Branch Library – Discussion was had regarding this issue. Plain or Fancy Sign Company has submitted a quote on the lettering. It was determined that we will try to get a more firm estimate on the installation labor. Councilman Drew made a motion that the cast aluminum lettering be purchased in either 8" or 9" size, with the Mayor having discretion to make that decision along with the decision on the labor. This motion was seconded by Councilwoman Binyard, and upon vote passed.

Mayor's Report:

- Jeffcoat reviewed 2007 Year in Review, and goals for 2008.
- Jeffcoat offered a special appreciation on behalf of the Town to Councilman Paul and Cynthia Drew for their generous donation of the display / curio cabinet.

Public Comments:

Councilwoman Lane read a letter addressed to Raegan Kennedy from Congressman Joe Wilson, in which he applauded her efforts to be involved in her community election process.

There being no further business, Councilman Drew made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilwoman Binyard. Mayor Jeffcoat adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m. Reverend Wright closed the meeting in prayer.

The next Council meeting will be held on Monday, February 11, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carrie Windham

APPROVED: JANUARY 14, 2008 MINUTES

Mayor Earl Jeffocat: _____

Council Members:

Paul Drew: _____

Rose Binyard: _____

Harriett Lane: _____

Aubrey Gleaton: _____